

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR INDIVIDUALS
WITH INTELLECTUAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**September 14, 2018
Public Health Suites A & B
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40621**

Members Present

Members Absent

Tim Feeley, Deputy Secretary	Becky Cabe
Dee Werline for Wendy Morris, Commissioner	Representative Larry Brown
Lori Gresham for Carol Steckel, Commissioner	Senator Tom Buford
Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones	Senator Julie Raque-Adams
Kellie McCain	Karen Herdina
Representative Joni Jenkins	Rita Wooton
Rick Christman for D. Brandon Griffith	Virginia (Jini) Payne
Missy McKiernan	Lynn Braker
Julie Sweets	Berlinda Bazzell
Lesley Reising	
Steve Shannon	
Stella Beard	
Andrew Venetianer	
Johnny Callebs for Chris George	

OPENING REMARKS

Deputy Secretary Feeley opened the meeting and welcomed Commission members and members of the audience.

Deputy Secretary Feeley reported there were no new members to be recognized and he stated the minimum amount of people were present to have a quorum.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

After a review of the draft minutes from the June 15, 2018 meeting, Missy McKiernan made a motion to approve and Andrew Venetianer seconded the motion. Commission members approved the minutes.

STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Deputy Secretary Feeley briefly reviewed status updates provided by the Department of Aging and Independent Living. The update provided clarification of recommendation and discussions from the June quarterly meeting.

Deputy Secretary Feeley reviewed status updates from the Division of Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities on recommendations adopted at the June quarterly meeting. The Division of Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities continue to work with the Department of

Medicaid Services on the usage of psychotropic medications. The Commission members accepted updates.

ANNUAL REPORT

Missy McKiernan reported she is disappointed the number of SCL slots appropriated have not increased since 2016, especially with the increasing aging population who also have a guardian.

Deputy Secretary Feeley emphasized financial limitations of the state and the need for screening tools to ensure individuals on the waiver waiting lists should actually be on the waiting list. He further emphasized the Governor's priority on employment, especially for kids aging out, people recovering from opioid addiction, re-entry into prisons and the disabled population. He reported legislators are working on issues for the 2020 session on budget.

Motion to file the Annual Report with the Governor made by Andrew Venetianer and seconded by Missy McKiernan. Commission members approved the 2018 Annual Report.

EMPLOYMENT WORKS

Deputy Secretary Feeley discussed the Governor's interest in the National Work Force initiative. He stated it is a high priority for our Governor Especially for kids aging out of care, for people recovering from addiction, people re-entering society from incarceration, and for people with disabilities.

Deputy Secretary Feeley introduced the guest speaker, Buddy Hoskinson, Department for Aging & Independent Living, and formerly employed with Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Buddy Hoskinson reported Kentucky implemented a Work Matters Task Force in May of 2017 to address barriers and address work force inclusion. Twenty-Three (23) individuals came together to understand why work matters and identify strengths in Kentucky. Kentucky became an Employment First state when Governor Bevin signed an Executive Order on May 15, 2018. A copy of Mr. Hoskinson's presentation was provided to Commission members.

COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

Planning Summary

Barb Locker presented an overview of the Planning Session conducted at the meeting in June. The results indicated a need to re-organize committees as follows:

Proposed Committees

1. Community Education/Outreach Committee (CEOC)
Will be responsible for the topical areas of Resources, Self-Advocacy, Transportation, and emergency preparedness.
2. Employment Committee

Will collaborate with the Kentucky Works Project, the Employment First Council, and other similar initiatives to advance Kentucky as an Employment First state.

3. Health/Wellness Committee

Will be responsible for the following topics: psychotropic medication usage, inclusion of individuals with complex medical needs, increased capacity of specialty clinics, and crisis intervention.

Deputy Secretary Feeley recommended a reorganization of the committees. Julie Sweets made a motion to approve and Andrew Venetianer seconded the motion. Commission members approved the recommendation and will submit committee membership preferences to Barb Locker by September 21, 2018.

HDI UPDATES

Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones, Executive Director of the Human Development Institute (HDI) at the University of Kentucky. HDI is a University Center of Excellence for Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) and is the only UCEDD in Kentucky. Dr. Sheppard-Jones provided updates on the organization's current efforts:

- Collaboration with 50 different grants/contracts for integration opportunities for individuals with disabilities, research, and education/training.
- Collaboration with the Department of Labor on opioid use.
- A class teaching the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is now offered at the University of Kentucky's Human Development Institute. The course is open to UK students across all disciplines.
- On September 28, HDI will be hosting the Supported Decision-Making and Guardianship seminar as part of its seminar series. Commission members have a flyer with all contact information for registration.
- On October 4, the first meeting of the Employment First Council to identify barriers to employment, recommend policies/innovative solutions, develop metrics to evaluate, and lay groundwork on national efforts. It is open to the public.
- On October 19, HDI will be hosting another seminar titled "A Brief History of Developmental Disabilities: What Have We Learned from the Past Fifty Years." Commission members have a flyer with all contact information for registration.

DMS UPDATES

Lori Gresham provided an update on the continuing process to redesign the 1915C waivers. A copy of her presentation was provided to Commission members.

Carol H. Steckel is the new Commissioner for the Department for Medicaid Services. Jill Hunter, Senior Deputy Commissioner will continue to oversee the 1915C redesign. Michelle P Waiver (MPW) waitlist review process is currently halted due to legalities and a new process will be developed.

Deputy Secretary Feeley revealed the goal is to cut down the MPW waitlist to those who qualify for the services and for both providers and individuals to understand. Public comment email box remains open.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sheri Brothers, The Arc of Kentucky

On September 22, 2018 there is an Autism Event presented by an initiative of National Arc in Louisville, KY. The event mocks a TSA plane ride and last approximately 45 minutes. This event registration is closed, however another event will take place in Lexington, KY on November 3, 2018. Registration opens on September 24, 2018. Please look at Arc of Kentucky Facebook page for more details.

Arc of Kentucky was instrumental in creating HB 144 and request a spot on the commission. There are 50+ self-advocates and we need a voice and a spot.

Melanie Tyner-Wilson, Family Member

This Committee needs more self-advocates who are born with prenatal alcohol syndrome, autism, etc., or parents and caregivers. Especially autism because autism rate is now in 59.

Safety should be at the forefront and be incorporated into all decisions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Deputy Secretary Feeley revealed September is Emergency Preparedness Month and the Department of Public Health (DPH) has a new Public Service Network (PSN) campaign logo people should know---First 72 on you! This means people should be self-reliant for the first 72 hours of an emergency, have home emergency kits and prepare our families and ourselves. This is especially critical for the intellectually or developmentally disabled population. We should also recognize the flooding of Puerto Rico, Houston, and most recently in North Carolina.

NEXT MEETING

HB 144 Commission Members reminded of next quarterly meeting on December 7, 2018, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the Department for Public Health, 1st Floor Conference Suites A & B, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort.

Meeting Adjourned.